



Ag Rialáil Gairmithe Sláinte  
agus Cúraim Shóisialaigh

Regulating Health +  
Social Care Professionals

# Minutes

## Council meeting

### 27.02.20

An Chomhairle um Ghairmithe Sláinte agus Cúraim Shóisialaigh  
Health and Social Care Professionals Council



Item	Council decision
<b>1.</b>	<b>Agenda</b>
	The agenda was agreed by Council.
<b>2.</b>	<b>Minutes of the Council meeting</b>
	Council approved the minutes of 23 January 2020.
<b>3.</b>	<b>Council Self Evaluation</b>
	<p>Council approved the Audit, Risk and Governance Committee to review the proposed self-evaluation survey at its June meeting prior to its return to Council for review in September 2020.</p> <p>Council approved to run its self-evaluation in November 2020 and for scores to be tracked against 2019 findings.</p>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Statement of Strategy</b>
	<p>Council approved the proposed approach to developing its new strategy and approved the Strategy Working Group to be comprised as follows;</p> <p>Council;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• James Forbes</li> <li>• Maeve Murphy</li> <li>• John O'Mullane</li> <li>• John F Scott</li> <li>• Tom Rooney</li> <li>• Margaret Boland</li> <li>• Irene Regan</li> </ul> <p>Executive;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ginny Hanrahan</li> <li>• Aoife Sweeney</li> <li>• Debbie Massey</li> </ul> <p>Council approved John F Scott to take the lead.</p>
<b>5.</b>	<b>Letter to Minister from Chair on behalf of Social Care Workers Registration Board</b>
	Council approved the letter to the Minister for Health to request:



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	<p>The establishment of a cross-departmental strategic group for the social care worker profession.</p> <p>Legislative amendment to Section 91(2) of the Health and Social Care Professionals Act to include 'engaged in the State in the practice of the designated profession' to mitigate identified risks in employer's opinion of competence provided for in the Act.</p>																																				
<b>6.</b>	<b>CEO response to requests for fee refunds</b>																																				
	<p>Council approved the CEO to make proposed administrative decisions in relation to fee refunds for two applicants.</p> <p>Council agreed it does not have fractional fees currently.</p>																																				
<b>7.</b>	<b>Appointment of Assessors for Recognition</b>																																				
	<p>Council approved the assessors for recognition of professional qualifications as listed:</p> <p><b>Existing assessor reappointments;</b></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="161 1111 1273 1469"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="161 1111 443 1149">Name:</th> <th data-bbox="443 1111 978 1149">Registration Board:</th> <th data-bbox="978 1111 1273 1149">Role:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="161 1149 443 1187">Mary Egan</td> <td data-bbox="443 1149 978 1187">Social Workers</td> <td data-bbox="978 1149 1273 1187">Practitioner</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="161 1187 443 1225">Ruth Murray</td> <td data-bbox="443 1187 978 1225">Social Workers</td> <td data-bbox="978 1187 1273 1225">Educator</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="161 1225 443 1263">Terry Madden</td> <td data-bbox="443 1225 978 1263">Social Workers</td> <td data-bbox="978 1225 1273 1263">Practitioner</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="161 1263 443 1301">Mary Conlon</td> <td data-bbox="443 1263 978 1301">Radiographers</td> <td data-bbox="978 1263 1273 1301">Practitioner</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="161 1301 443 1339">Anna Jennings</td> <td data-bbox="443 1301 978 1339">Social Worker</td> <td data-bbox="978 1301 1273 1339">Educator</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="161 1339 443 1377">Margaret Hanson</td> <td data-bbox="443 1339 978 1377">Occupational Therapists</td> <td data-bbox="978 1339 1273 1377">Educator</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="161 1377 443 1415">Rosie Conlon</td> <td data-bbox="443 1377 978 1415">Radiographer</td> <td data-bbox="978 1377 1273 1415">Practitioner</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="161 1415 443 1453">Jennifer Grehan</td> <td data-bbox="443 1415 978 1453">Radiographer</td> <td data-bbox="978 1415 1273 1453">Educator</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><b>New assessor appointments;</b></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="161 1547 1273 1666"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="161 1547 405 1585">Name:</th> <th data-bbox="405 1547 978 1585">Registration Board:</th> <th data-bbox="978 1547 1273 1585">Role:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="161 1585 405 1624">Des McGowan</td> <td data-bbox="405 1585 978 1624">Medical Scientists</td> <td data-bbox="978 1585 1273 1624">Practitioner</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="161 1624 405 1662">Helen Lambkin</td> <td data-bbox="405 1624 978 1662">Medical Scientists</td> <td data-bbox="978 1624 1273 1662">Educator</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Name:	Registration Board:	Role:	Mary Egan	Social Workers	Practitioner	Ruth Murray	Social Workers	Educator	Terry Madden	Social Workers	Practitioner	Mary Conlon	Radiographers	Practitioner	Anna Jennings	Social Worker	Educator	Margaret Hanson	Occupational Therapists	Educator	Rosie Conlon	Radiographer	Practitioner	Jennifer Grehan	Radiographer	Educator	Name:	Registration Board:	Role:	Des McGowan	Medical Scientists	Practitioner	Helen Lambkin	Medical Scientists	Educator
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<b>8.</b>	<b>Appointment of Returning Officer for Elections</b>																																				
	<p>Council appointed Aoife Sweeney as Returning Officer for the purposes of the elections to the:</p> <ul data-bbox="209 1832 954 1989" style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social Workers Registration Board</li> <li>• Occupational Therapists Registration Board</li> <li>• Dietitians Registration Board</li> <li>• Speech and Language Therapists Registration Board</li> </ul>																																				



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<b>9.</b>	<b>Approval of Fitness to Practice Contracts</b>
	Council approved the Fitness to Practise (FTP) contract to Fieldfisher and Mason Hayes & Curran for a period of 2 years.
<b>10.</b>	<b>Amendment to Appeals Committee Procedures re Term Duration</b>
	Council approved the amendment of the duration of the term of office of Appeals Committee members, as set out in the Procedures for Regulation of the Appeals Committee (“the Procedures”), from two years to three years.
<b>11.</b>	<b>Composition of the Appeals Committee – Amendment to Appeals Committee Procedures</b>
	Council approved the suggested amendments made to the “Procedures for the Regulation of the Appeals Committee” (“the Procedures”) in relation to the composition of the Appeals Committee.
<b>12.</b>	<b>Replacing a Committee member - Amendment to Appeals Committee Procedures</b>
	Council approved the suggested amendment made to the “Procedures for the Regulation of the Appeals Committee” (“the Procedures”).
<b>13.</b>	<b>Delegation of Function to the Registrar approval</b>
	<p>Council approved the following delegations of functions to the Registrar;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The recognition of a person’s professional qualifications following a decision of a Council direction pursuant to section 42B(4)(a)(ii)(l) of the Act.</li> <li>2. The restoration of an applicant’s name or the granting of registration to an applicant pursuant to section 43(3)(b)(i) of the Act.</li> </ol> <p>Council approved a letter to issue to the Registration Boards with a clear outline of its recommendation for this delegation to include background context and legal advice.</p>
<b>14.</b>	<b>Assessor Appointments – delegation of Council stage to Registrar per policy</b>
	Council approved an amendment of the Assessor Policy to permit appointments to be made by the Registrar.



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15.	<b>SWRB Application for Registration Bye-law 2020 Approval</b>
	Council approved the Social Workers Registration Board Application for Registration Bye-law 2020.
16.	<b>Award of Contract for strategic project management services</b>
	Council approved the award of Contract for strategic project management services to Lisa Manselli, Crafting Vistas for 3 years.
17.	<b>ICT on call Service Policy</b>
	Council approved the ICT On-Call Policy.
18.	<b>Case to DoH for awarding directors allowance to CEO of CORU</b>
	Council approved to seek the Department of Health's support for it to award the Director's allowance to the CEO/Registrar position.